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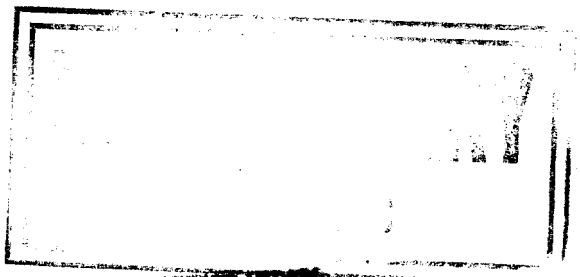

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A group of photos taken of the May 1956 fly-by were examined to ascertain the numbers on the planes and dimensions of the tube protruding from the nose of some of the planes. Very few numbers can be obtained from the photos available. Inclosure 1 is a tabulation of those numbers that could be determined.

It is difficult to ascertain the exact length of the tube due to the angle of view and the curvature of the fuselage. The diameter of the tube is so small the image is blurred, rendering it hard to determine the boundries of the tube. Measurements are recorded in the following table:

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BOMB R NUMBERS

N: No number plane

-: Number cannot be distinguished

(): Indicates probable number

Each plane number appears to consist of seven digits and each squadron number two digits.

Photo No.	No. of Planes in Photo	Squadron No.	Corresponding Plane No.	Plane
2248.599	1	02	53-----	Bison
.600	1	02	53-----	Bison
.601	1	02	53(0)(0)4(2)(7)	Bison
.602	1	02	5300437	Bison
.782	1	N	530151-	Bison
.783	1	-	53015--(18)(48)	Bison
.784	1	N	5301518	Bison
.785	1	06	-----0-	Bison
.789	1	03	-300---	Bison
.790	1	N	-3083--	Bison
.791	1	N	5302023	Bison
.792	1	N	(560)--72	Bison
.793	1	N	(6)(5)(3)0(2)(3)(2)(3)	Bison
.794	1	N	--0--2-	Bison
.795	1	N	530172-	Bison
(3894)	1	N	5302023	Bison
(3901)	1	72	4200601	Badger
(3908)	1	-	(1)-5220-	Badger
(3912)	1	-	(5)202---	Badger

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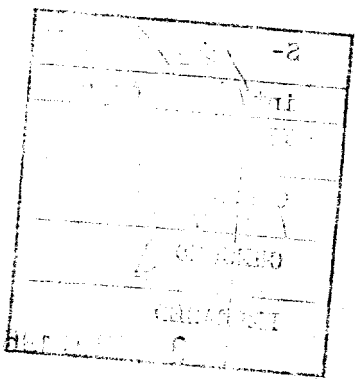
Photo No. 2248.793

A group of six persons examined the photo and the opinion was that the first digit could be either a 5 or a 6. While the lower portion appears to be closed like a 6 rather than a 5, there still appears to be a horizontal bar at the top making a sharp angle with the upright similiar to that on the number 5. Either the top bar or the closing of the lower loop could be a blotch on the film. With the copy available it is impossible to definitely determine whether the first digit is a 5 or a 6.



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